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BEGIN SUMMARY. IN DISCUSSING VISA ASPECTS OF HOLDING THE 1979 WORLD ARCHERY CHAMPSIONSHIPS IN WEST BERLIN, THE FRG REP HAS INFORMED THE BONN GROUP THAT OTHER CONDITIONS FOR THE MEET WOULD INCLUDE PROHIBITING PARTICIPATION OF A TEAM FROM TAIWAN UNDER THE DESIGNATION "REPUBLIC OF CHINA." THE US REP EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR THE USG TO AGREE TO THE HOLDING OF THE MEET IN BERLIN UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES. THE FRG NONETHELESS INTENDS TO INFORM THE INTERNATIONAL ARCHERY FEDERATION OF THIS AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL

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CONDITIONS AT A MEETING IN CANBERRA ON FEBRUARY 1. ACTION REQUESTED: URGENT GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. IN JANUARY 25 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (HENZE) INFORMED ALLIES THAT THE INTERNATIONAL ARCHERY FEDERATION (FITA) HAS DECIDED TO HOLD THE 1979 WORLD ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BERLIN. THE EVENT WILL TAKE

PLACE IN JULY 1979. IN THAT CONNECTION, FITA HAS ASKED THE GERMAN SHOOTING FEDERATION (DSV) TO OBTAIN THE NORMAL GUARANTEE OF FREE ENTRY AND EXIT FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE CHAMPSIONSHIPS FROM THE APPROPRIATE NATIONAL AUTHORITIES.

- 2. HENZE CONTINUED THAT THE FITA REQUEST RAISED POTENTIAL PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO THOSE INVOLVED IN HOLDING THE 1978 WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BERLIN (REFTELS). AT FIRST, THE FRG HAD BEEN INCLINED TO UTILIZE THE "OLYMPIC SOLUTION," I.E. OLYMPIC-STYLE IDENTITY CARDS ISSUED BY THE RELEVANT FEDERATION, AS IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED FOR THE SWIMMING CHAMPION-SHIPS. HOWEVER, THE FRG IS FACED WITH A TIME PROBLEM AS THE DSV MUST PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE GUARANTEE AT THE FITA MEETING BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1 IN CANBERRA. THE LAW AND REGULATIONS TO ALLOW THE OLYMPIC SOLUTION ARE NOT PREPARED AND, IN ANY CASE, THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS ENCOUNTERING SOME OPPOSITION TO THE PRINCIPLE IN THE INTERIOR MINISTRY IN REGARD TO THE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.
- 3. AS PERHAPS AN INTERIM MEASURE, HENZE SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE PROPOSED TO GIVE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT OF GUARANTEE FOR THE DSV REPRESENTATIVE TO GIVE TO FITA IN CANBERRA. THE STATEMENT HAS BEEN DRAFTED IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT TO EXCLUDE THE OLYMPIC SOLUTION IF IT IS LATER ADOPTED BY THE FRG.

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IN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR, THE FOREIGN OFFICE CONFIRMS TO YOU THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ARCHERY ASSOCIATION (FITA) WILL BE ACCORDED UNIMPEDED ENTRY TO AND EXIT FROM THE XXXTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BERLIN IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE REGULATIONS.

THE ABOVE ASSURANCE IS GIVEN ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT FITA CERTIFIES TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, WITH REGARD TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN ASSOCIATION, THAT NO DISCRIMINATION ON GROUNDS OF RACE OCCURS IN RESPECT OF MEMBERSHIP IN THAT ASSOCIATION AND IN THE CHOICE OF THE TEAM. ENTRY CANNOT BE GRANTED TO WOULD-BE PARTICIPANTS FROM RHODESIA WHO ARE BEARERS OF RHODESIAN PASSPORTS. PARTICIPANTS FROM TAIWAN MAY RECEIVE VISAS ONLY ON THE CONDITION THAT A TEAM FROM TAIWAN DOES NOT APPEAR IN

PUBLIC WITH THE DESIGNATION "REPUBLIC OF CHINA."

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- 4. ASKED FOR COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT, ALL ALLIED REPS AGREED THAT IT PROBABLY REPRESENTED THE ONLY FEASIBLE WAY OF HANDLING THE GUARANTEE OF FREE ENTRY ON THIS SHORT NOTICE. US REP ADDED THAT HE COULD NOT, HOWEVER, ACCEPT THE FINAL SENTENCE OF THE STATEMENT CONCERNING TAIWAN.
- 5. HENZE STATED THAT HE WOULD TAKE NOTE OF THE US POSITION BUT THAT HE WAS NOT ACTUALLY SUBMITTING THE STATEMENT FOR ALLIED CLEARANCE, SIMPLY FOR INFORMATION. THE FRG LEGAL ADVISOR (DUISBERG) ADDED THAT THE TAIWAN ASPECT OF THE MATTER WAS NOT A BERLIN ISSUE BUT REFLECTED AN ELEMENT OF FRG FOREIGN POLICY. THIS POLICY HAD BEEN APPLIED TO VARIOUS EVENTS SINCE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MONTREAL OLYMPICS.

- 6. US REP DISAGREED, STATING THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW THE USG COULD AGREE TO THE HOLDING OF AN EVENT IN BERLIN UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WERE INCONSISTENT WITH US FOREIGN POLICY.
- 7. UK REP (HITCH) PICKED UP ON THE POINT NOTING THE REFERENCE TO RHODESIA IN PARAGRAPH TWO FORTUNATELY, THE FRG HAD THE SAME POLICY ON RHODESIA AS THE UNITED KINGDOM HAD. IF FRG POLICY ON RHODESIA WERE DIFFERENT AND WOULD ALLOW RHODESIAN ATHLETES TO APPEAR, HITCH DID NOT SEE HOW THE UK COULD ACCEPT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A POLICY IN BERLIN. IT RAISED THE INTERESTING QUESTION OF WHAT HAPPENS REGARDING BERLIN IF THE THREE POWERS AND THE FRG HAD DIVERGENT FOREIGN POLICIES ON A CERTAIN POINT. FRENCH REP (BOISSIEU) CONCURRED IN THAT VIEW.
- 8. US REP ASKED WHETHER THE FRG HAD IMPOSED A SIMILAR RESTRICTION ON THE ROC TEAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORLD SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS. AFTER CHECKING WITH THE FOREIGN OFFICE CHINA DESK BY PHONE, HENZE STATED THAT IT HAD NOT. ALTHOUGH BOTH ASSOCIATIONS, FITA AND FINA (REF D), ARE OLYMPIC-ASSOCIATED, THE 1978 SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS WERE AGREED UPON FOR BERLIN BEFORE THE MONTREAL PROBLEMS TOOK PLACE.
- 8. GIVEN THE PROBLEM POSED BY THE TAIWAN STIPULATION, THE BONN GROUP BELIEVED IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE FRG TO USE ONLY THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE PROPOSED STATEMENT. NEVERTHELESS, HENZE THOUGHT IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE STIPULATIONS IN THE SECOND PARAGRAPH ALSO BE PRESENTED TO FITA AT THE FEBRUARY 1 MEETING. THE US REP MAINTAINED HIS POSITION THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO OPPOSE THE STATEMENT PENDING RECEIPT OF GUIDANCE CONFIDENTIAL

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FROM THE DEPARTMENT.

9. THE UK LEGAL ADVISOR (CHAMBERLAIN) COMMENTED THAT A SPECIAL ALLIED DISPENSATION MIGHT BE REQUIRED FOR THE ARCHERS TO BRING THEIR EQUIPMENT TO BERLIN, GIVEN ALLIED CONTROLS ON WEAPONS, BUT HE THOUGHT THAT WOULD POSE NO SPECIAL PROBLEM.

10. COMMENT: IT IS IN THE US INTEREST TO PROMOTE
THE ROLE OF WEST BERLIN AS AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
AND SPORTS CENTER, AND WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS SUCH AS THE
SWIMMING AND ARCHERY MEETS SEEM NATURALS FOR FURTHERING
THIS POLICY. WE WOULD ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT IF THE MEET
WERE HELD IN BERLIN WITH ALLIED APPROVAL, EXCLUSION
OF AN OFFICIALLY-DESIGNATED REPUBLIC OF CHINA TEAM
WOULD AT A MINIMUM CREATE DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROBLEMS
IN THE US. WE ARE UNAWARE OF PRECEDENTS FOR THIS
PARTICULAR TYPE OF BERLIN PROBLEM, WHERE
US AND FRG FOREIGN POLICY PRINCIPLES COULD PRESENT A
CONFLICT ON A PARTICULAR BERLIN-RELATED ISSUE.

11. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. FOR TAIPEI: IT MIGHT BE RELEVANT TO KNOW WHETHER THE ROC HAS AN ARCHERY TEAM.

B. FOR DEPARTMENT: WOULD APPRECIATE URGENT GUIDANCE AS TO WHETHER THE US REP SHOULD TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION BEFORE THE GERMAN ARCHERY DELEGATE LEAVES ON JANUARY 31 FOR CANBERRA. STOESSEL

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